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TO: Superintendents of Public Schools

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RE: 2005 Discipline Guide

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Enclosed please find a copy of the latest Discipline Guide approved by the R.I. Department of Education for use in all Rhode Island public schools.

Note that R.I.G.L. 16-21-27 requires each school committee to develop a plan for providing continued educational services/programming for any student (regular or special education) who has accrued ten (10) days (cumulative) of school removal during the course of an academic school year.

Additional Note: A program consisting of home tutoring is not an approved program of continued educational programming for purposes of meeting the requirements of this statute.

School districts are encouraged to conduct a functional behavior assessment and develop an appropriate behavioral intervention plan for any student before they reach ten (10) days of school removal (cumulative) during the course of a school year. I hope this information is helpful.

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